

~~SECRET~~~~NOFORN~~

## SERVICES DIVISION INFORMATION JOURNAL

4 May 1955

1. Formosa Straits - Economic - Communications  
(Info Date - May 1955)

FBID reports eight new transmitters bearing propaganda broadcasts to Formosa 12 hours a day from the Foochow area, as of 1 May 1955. Two of these transmitters have the same characteristics as transmitters broadcasting from Foochow three years ago but not heard since. The other six transmitters are new in characteristics and location.

Previous to 1 May there were two transmitters broadcasting propaganda to Formosa from Shanghai 4 hours a day. These transmitters have not been heard since 1 May.

Also prior to 1 May, six short wave transmitters from Peiping were broadcasting propaganda to Formosa 4 hours a day. Since 1 May, these transmitters have been broadcasting 12 hours a day with increased power (approximately 20 KW).

S/COM Comment: It has been reported previously that high power broadcast stations were being constructed at Foochow. (see Item #1, 26 Apr 55) The new transmitters reported above may be operating from these Foochow sites. However, the power of the reported transmitters is very low (500 to 3000 watts) and the power of the installations at Foochow had been estimated at 50-150 KW. It is possible that the power of these new transmitters will be increased as new equipment is installed.

As pointed out in Item #1, 26 Apr 55, these transmitters are adaptable to a variety of military and naval purposes, including coordination of amphibious operations. Their use for propaganda broadcasts might indicate either a desire to soften up the Formosan people for an invasion or simply a long-range effort to create unrest among the population of that island.

(S/COM)

25X1

Source: Telephone conversation with [ ] FBID, 3 May 55, Unclassified.  
(see Item #1, 26 Apr 55 and Item #2, 29 Apr 55, for other sources)

~~SECRET~~~~NOFORN~~